



# Proposed 2023 Interim Study Items

Government Operations Interim Committee | May 17, 2023

## Introduction

The committee chairs, with input from legislators, executive branch agencies, and the Legislative Management Committee, have prepared a list of potential items that the committee could study during this interim period. Legislative Joint Rule [7-1-401\(3\)](#) requires the committee, during the first interim meeting, to review the study items, allows the committee, by majority vote, to modify or add to the list of study items, and requires the committee to adopt the list by majority vote.

Study Item	Description
<b>Elections Laws and Administration</b>	Study various issues related to election laws and administration, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Election software and equipment</li><li>• Plurality issues</li><li>• Emergency responder voting</li><li>• Pre-signature review requirements for initiatives and referenda</li><li>• Election process for municipal and district elections</li><li>• Protection of election officials</li><li>• Lobbyist restrictions</li><li>• Public notices</li></ul>
<b>State Employee Recruitment and Retention</b>	Review various issues and trends related to state employee recruitment and retention.
<b>Boards and Commissions</b>	Review the process for reviewing the 400+ boards and commissions currently required in statute, including the statutory review requirements in 2023 General Session <a href="#">S.B. 123</a> , Boards and Commissions Modifications, and <a href="#">H.B.34</a> , Boards and Commissions Amendments.
<b>County Recorders</b>	Examine issues that were brought to attention by the county recorders, including the statutory language surrounding "joint tenants" and "tenants in common," transfer-on-death deeds, and remote notaries.
<b>Audit Reviews</b>	Receive a presentation from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG) on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OLAG's new statutory duty to identify and examine high risk areas in the state. OLAG will create a report that looks at legislative priority areas where Utah may be vulnerable, such as water, housing affordability, and the transition pathways from public education to higher education.</li><li>• OLAG's new publication, <i>The Best Practice Handbook: A Practical Guide to Excellence in State Government</i>.</li><li>• A performance audit of data privacy.</li></ul>